(c)

	Income	*Expense*
	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1108	5,201—15—4	7,880—0—0
1109	3,508— 9—6	7,880—0—0
1110	4,057—15—11	8,610—0—0

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) No.

(h) The gentleman has to purchase a bull from the department which he did not do.

Director of Agriculture—work transacted during his tours in 1111.

107. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of days on which the Director of Agriculture was not at his Head-quarters in 1111;

(b) what work did he transact on those days;

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) The Director of Agriculture was not at Head-quarters for 142 days. These days do not include the absence on duty within five miles radius of Trichur for inspection of Central Farm, etc.

(b) Inspection and supervision.

Avenue trees—Nemmara Firkah—maintenance of.

108. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the present Director of Agriculture was appointed;

(b) the number of officers deputed from the Agricultural Department for the maintenance of avenue trees in Nemmara Firkah;

(c) the number of officers deputed for the above work under the previous Superintendent of Agriculture;

(d) the name of roads in the above firkah on which new trees have been planted under the guidance of the present Director other than those previously existing;

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(e) the number and description of trees on the Kuttakadavu road;

(f) the average income from avenue trees in the above firkah per year;

(g) the average establishment charges incurred for the maintenance of trees such as salaries of staff, etc.

(h) the number of times that each officer would inspect the trees per year;

(i) whether the dried and green branches of trees are auctioned;

(j) if so, the number of times that such auctions are conducted under the present Director per year;

(k) the average income per year from such auctions;

(l) the amount collected from auctions of avenue trees in Nemmara Firkah and Chittur Taluk in each year during the period of the previous Superintendent and the present Director?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) On 13—5—1107.

(b) There is no separate staff for Nemmara Firkah.

(c) See answer to question (b).

(d) No new planting was taken up.

(e) 104 trees.

Palmyras	3
Poola	4
Ungu	10
Neem	15
Peral	2
Banyan	1
Pullamaruthu	33
Kanjirom	20
Thumbil	2
Avirom	5
Kanakom	7
Viruka	1
Oduku	1

(f) No separate account is kept for the firkah.

(g) Please vide answer to (b)

(h) There is no limit.

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(i) Yes; According to necessity.

(j) Vide answer to (i).

(k) No such average figure has been worked out.

(l) No separate figures are available for Nemmara Firkah. The total for the Taluk used to be given in the Administration Reports.

Ghee Contract—Rama Varma Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur.

109. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the ghee contractor to the Rama Varma Ayurvedic Hospital in Trichur;

(b) were any tenders called for;

(c) if so, the names of the tenderers with their rates;

(d) has the present contractor any other contract in the State?

Mr. A. Achyuta Menon.— (a) Mr. P. S. Narayana Ayyar.

(b) Yes.

(c) A list containing the information is appended. *(Vide Appendix I.)*

(d) Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was not the contract given to the lowest tenderer?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He was the only man who had tendered only for the ghee. The other tenderers were tenderers for the entire bulk. They were not prepared to tender for the ghee alone. This method of giving a separate contract for ghee resulted in gain.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is he a Cochinite?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He is a contractor within the State. Whether he is a Cochinite or not, I do not know.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is he an approved contractor?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—He has contracts in other Departments. He is the ghee-contractor in the Vadakkunathan Devaswom.

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